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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY
PROBLEMS

REFS: A) EC A-33, OCTOBER 31, 1974

B) EC BRUSSELS 7427

C) EC A-253, AUGUST 5, 1974

D) EC A-164, JUNE 10, 1974

1. THE COMMISSION DECIDED, UNEXPECTEDLY,
ON OCTOBER 30 TO PREPARE FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE COUNCIL
A PAPER ON MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF RAW
MATERIALS, USING TWO SPECIFIC RAW MATERIALS AS MODELS FOR
POSSIBLE FUTURE PAPERS BECAUSE OF WORK PREVIOUSLY DONE,
(SEE REFERENCE D), OUR SOURCES EXPECT PULP AND PAPER TO BE
ONE OF THE MATERIALS. COPPER, PHOSPHATE, TIN AND
MANGANESE HAVE ALL BEEN MENTIONED AS POSSIBILITIES FOR
THE SECOND PRODUCT.

2. THE COMMISSION IS ASKING THE STAFF TO PREPARE THE
PAPER BY MID-DECEMBER IN THE HOPE THAT THE COMMISSION IN TURN
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COULD TRANSMIT IT TO THE COUNCIL BY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

3. SOURCES IN THE STAFF TELL US THAT THEY EXPECT TO HAVE LITTLE TROUBLE COMING UP WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR INTERNAL MEASURES SUCH AS INCENTIVES FOR RECYCLING, BUT THAT THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN FORMULATING PROPOSALS FOR ACTIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE.

4. COMMENT: DURING OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS WE HAVE REITERATED THE US VIEW THAT THE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY QUESTION SHOULD BE DEALT WITH MULTILATERALLY AND NOT BILATERALLY. THESE OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY ALSO PREFER MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS WHEN POSSIBLE. NEVERTHELESS, THE COMMISSION IS STILL GROPING FOR POLICIES THAT WOULD ASSURE EUROPE'S SECURITY OF SUPPLY AT REASONABLE PRICES. AT THE DECEMBER 5-6 US/EC CONSULTATIONS THE US SIDE WILL HAVE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ITS VIEWS CLEAR ON THIS SUBJECT. IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A BETTER DISCUSSION AT THAT TIME AND TO INFLUENCE THE EC COMMISSION'S THINKING IN ITS FORMATIVE STAGES, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SUBMIT US VIEWS TO THE COMMISSION PROMPTLY.
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